

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

March 13, 2013

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jon Ford, Chair

**Minutes**

Members present: Jon Ford, Pam Hicks

Members via teleconference: Karen Ellerbrook, Trevor Yager

Members absent: Jeff Kirk

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Chair Jon Ford opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of today's agenda and the Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 28, 2012 and February 21, 2013. IAC Commissioner Pam Hicks seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Y
Ford	Y
Hicks	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

3. **Financials.** IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2013 IAC budget, current as of February 28, 2013. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) from Laura Scanlan, Director of State and Regional Partnerships at the National Endowment for the Arts, explaining the impact of recent federal Sequestration budget cuts. Mr. Ricci reported that the NEA does not expect any budget reductions for states in the current FY 2013 cycle; for FY 2014, the NEA will experience an overall reduction of 5%, but individual states will see a reduction of 2.7%; for the IAC, it will amount to about \$19,000 in reduction. IAC Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant reported on the status of the Cultural Trust, which has a current balance of \$2,358,730, with \$32,902 in interest available for use.

4. **Allocation Formula Final Recommendations.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout ("FY 2014 and FY 2015 Regional Block Grant, Arts Operating Support III, and Regional

Initiative Grant Changes”, attached) which explains recommended changes in the Regional Arts Partner grant allocation formula. These changes are recommended by an ad-hoc committee which reviewed the formula over a one-year period. The changes are intended to provide greater stability and equity across the state for grant amounts going to similar-sized organizations with similar application scores. The proposed changes have been approved by the RAP consortium, and have been recommended for approval by the IAC Committee on the Future and Programs, Grants and Services Committee. Ms. Hicks moved to recommend that the full Commission approve the proposed changes at its next meeting on March 22. Mr. Yager seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Y
Ford	Y
Hicks	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

Mr. Ricci asked for discussion regarding whether the changes should be “phased-in” over a two-year period, for organizations which will face a reduction in funding. Mr. Yager felt that such a phase-in would be a good idea, but should not exceed a two-year timeline. Ms. Ellerbrook and Ms. Hicks agreed. Mr. Ford will bring the discussion to the March 22 meeting of the full Commission. Ms. Anderson offered to provide some statistical data about which organizations will be affected.

**5. Governor’s Office and Legislature.** Mr. Ricci reminded the Committee that the Commission currently has one vacancy, the seat of Judy Hess from Corydon, whose second term expired in June 2012. Mr. Ford asked Committee members to provide written recommendations for worthy candidates to fill the vacancy, and he will ask the same of the remaining Commissioners at the March 22 meeting. Mr. Ricci stated that the IAC currently has no Commissioner from Region 1, Region 4, or Region 12. Mr. Ford reported that he recently had a brief in-person meeting with Indiana’s First Lady, Karen Pence, who has expressed an interest in the Arts Commission’s programs. Mr. Ford stated that arrangements are being made for a more formal meeting with Mrs. Pence within the next few weeks. Mrs. Pence has been named as honorary chair of the Indiana Bicentennial celebration, in which the IAC aspires to play a role.

**6. Governor’s Arts Awards Site Selection.** Mr. Ricci reminded the Committee that, in its last meeting, consensus had been reached regarding the four submitted community proposals to host the 2013 Governor’s Arts Awards, and that the City of Carmel was the consensus choice. Ms. Hicks moved to recommend to the full Commission that the City of Carmel be selected to host the 2013 Governor’s Arts Awards. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Y
Ford	Y
Hicks	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed.

7. **Strategic Plan.** Mr. Ricci explained that the time has come to formulate and articulate strategies for the remaining three years of the current IAC Strategic Plan. He recommended a series of meetings and focus groups, convened over the spring and summer months, with various constituencies around the state. Possible groups include the Governor's Office and other state agencies, Regional Arts Partners, Strategic Partners, and organizations in the field. Mr. Ricci will continue to plan for arranging these meetings.

8. **Bicentennial and Private Fund-Raising.** Mr. Ricci reported that several former IAC Commissioners have expressed an interest in financial support for the IAC's Bicentennial participation. He recommended that such interested parties could convene to discuss avenues of possible contribution, keeping in mind that IAC is a publicly-funded agency.

9. **Emeritus Gathering 2013.** Mr. Ricci is planning a gathering for all former IAC Commissioners, to coincide with the June 21 meeting of the full Commission. Long-time IAC Community Development Manager Bobbie Garver will be retiring from employment after the June 21 meeting; Ms. Garver has been with the IAC since it was created, and has personally known every Commissioner who has served. Mr. Ricci would like to honor Ms. Garver for her service and thinks it would be an event that would attract a large contingent of former Commissioners.

10. **Old Business.** Here was no old business.

11. **New Business.** There was no new business.

12. **Adjourn.** Ms. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ellerbrook seconded the motion. Roll call as follows:

Ellerbrook	Y
Ford	Y
Hicks	Y
Yager	Y

The motion passed. Mr. Ford thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.